## **BEFORE**

## THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

## **SOUTH CAROLINA**

DOCKET NO. 2005-4-G – ORDER NO. 2005-359

JULY 7, 2005

IN RE: Piedmont Natural Gas Company – Annual Review of the Purchased Gas Adjustment

(PGA) and Gas Purchasing Policies.

) ORDER GRANTING

) EXTENSION IN WHICH

) TO PREFILE

TESTIMONY

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") on the request of the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") for an extension to file ORS's direct testimony regarding the annual review of Piedmont Natural Gas Company's ("Piedmont") purchased gas adjustment and gas purchasing policies.

Dates for filing testimony and exhibits in the present docket was set forth in letter, dated June 2, 2005, from the Commission's Docketing Department. By this letter, the ORS was required to prefile its direct testimony and exhibits on or before July 6, 2005.

By letter from ORS counsel, the ORS seeks an extension from July 6, 2005, until July 8, 2005, to file its direct testimony. The ORS asserts that several members of the ORS staff will be on vacation around the time period of the July 4 holiday, and therefore requests an extension of time to prefile ORS's testimony. According to the ORS, it is committed to sending the prefiled testimony via electronic mail as soon as it is available to all parties in addition to delivery of the testimony via regular U.S. mail. Lastly, the

ORS states that counsel for Piedmont has been advised of ORS's request for an extension and that Piedmont does not oppose the proposed arrangement.

The Commission finds the request of the ORS reasonable, finds that the request will not unduly prejudice any party, and therefore grants the request to extend the prefiling date for the ORS's direct testimony and exhibits.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. The Office of Regulatory Staff's request for an extension in which to prefile direct testimony and exhibits is granted until July 8, 2005.
- 2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

	/s/
	Randy Mitchell, Chairman
ATTEST:	
/s/	
G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice Chairman	
(SEAL)	